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Dictionary

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Witnessing the Gold Rush

Dictionary

Californio

An early California colonist of Mexican or Spanish descent and their descendants.



capital

A city that is the center of government for a state or country.



citizen

A person who has certain rights in a country or state, including the right to live there.





delegate

A person chosen to act for or represent others.

D



ecosystem

A community of plants, animals, and their surroundings that depend on each other.

E



hydraulic

Something that is moved or powered by water or another liquid.

H

I

injunction

A court order that requires somebody to do or stop doing something.



L

levee

A raised bank beside a river formed naturally or built to control flooding.

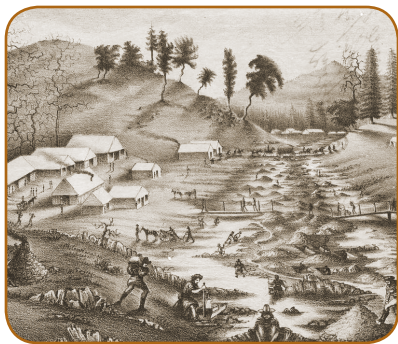


M

mercury

A poisonous metal that is liquid at room temperature and a silver-white color.





mining camp

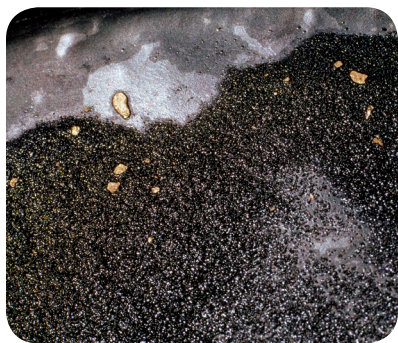
A place where miners work and live, usually for a short time.



natural resources

Materials, such as water, minerals, energy, and soil, that people use from nature and natural systems.

N



nugget

A piece of gold or other valuable metal, as it is found in nature.

P

prospector

A person who looks for minerals, such as gold.



S

sawmill

A place where timber is cut into boards.



squatter

A person who lives on land or in a building without permission from the owner.





tailings

The stones, sand, and soil left over after mining.



timber

Wood and lumber that is used to make buildings and other things.

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